

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Arelene Jean Schlepp was born to John W. Schlepp and Magdalena Schlepp in Java, South Dakota, on November 18, 1931; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love, as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Arelene attended school for 11 years in Java, South Dakota, and graduated from Selby High School in 1950. She added to the family income by cleaning, dishwashing, waitressing, and working as a variety store clerk at Gross Brothers Department Store in Bowdle, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Arelene married her sweetheart, Mahlon H. Gross on March 21, 1954, at Brookings, South Dakota, and to this union two children were born, Timothy and Thomas, and she was blessed with one grandson, Christian; and,

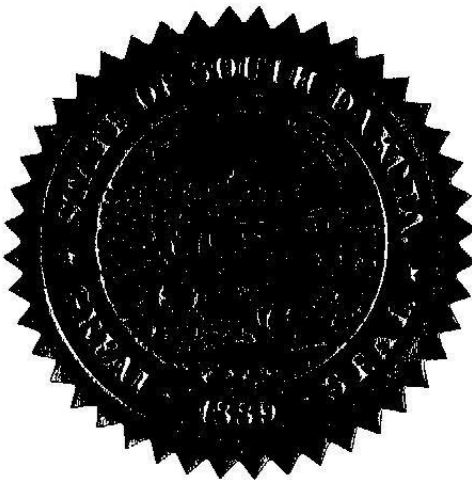
Whereas, Arelene's profession took her to several different jobs in Bowdle. She was employed as a secretary for Super Products, the Nutrition Site, and also clerked auction sales with Mahlon. She also held many offices in her local church; and,

Whereas, Arelene now resides in Aberdeen, South Dakota, and will observe her 80th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 18, 2011, as

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in South Dakota, and I join her family and friends in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Third Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eleven.

Dennis Daugaard
Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gatt
Jason M. Gatt, Secretary of State